

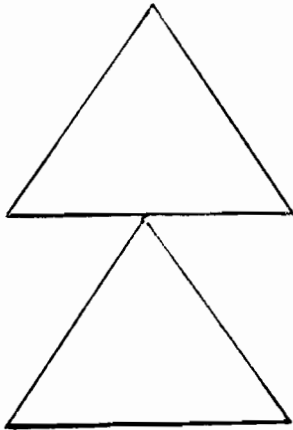
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Enclosed is SPUR's excellent "Neighborhood Troubleshooter". Hold on to it and use it when necessary. If you don't get satisfaction from the City, let us know. Maybe the THD can help.

### NORTHERN WATERFRONT

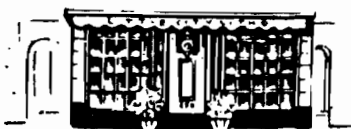
On October 16, the Planning Commission adopted a zoning code for the Northern Waterfront north of Broadway St. This code has many good features in it, including a number that the Telegraph Hill Dwellers has worked very hard to bring about for almost three years now.

After exhaustive study and much discussion, a 40-65-84-foot height district has been established in the area. This means that buildings on the waterfront have a 40-foot height limit and that higher buildings are permitted only in areas away from the waterfront where they presumably will have less effect on existing views.

The most ominous provision in the entire package is one which allows the developer of a parcel greater than three acres in size the very special and unjustified privilege of having his height limit, if he is in an area where it is less than 84 feet, raised at the discretion of the Planning Commission.

Needless to add, our confidence in the "discretion" of the Commission, when it comes to evaluating large projects, is not great. The THD is pressing for equal zoning treatment in the Northern Waterfront code for all parties, large or small. A more complete report on the Northern Waterfront situation will be presented in the next bulletin.

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FREEWAY CONNECTION

After a 12-month "reaction time", Mayor Alioto has finally responded positively to our plea issued in September 1968 that plans to extend the Embarcadero Freeway southward to the Southern Freeway be halted. Let the State representatives know how you feel about new freeway access into San Francisco.

TRANSPORTATION

Representatives of the THDs continue to participate in meetings and discussions with Golden Gate Bridge Directors, Supervisors, SPUR, the DPW, the Planning Staff and others with the aim of finding ways of moving people better without compounding our traffic and parking problems. A key factor in this effort is, of course, a vastly improved public transit system.

In this connection, we have just submitted to the DPW a list of preliminary ideas for improving things in the North Beach Area. We will keep you informed of results.

In the meantime, if you have suggestions and comments or wish to participate in this important matter, please contact Mr. Luthfi James, 271 Filbert St., the chairman of our Transportation Committee.

ALCATRAZ

On October 13, the THD Board of Directors adopted the following position

- a. deplore the ramrod tactics used by the City Government to promote the Hunt plan.
- b. withhold judgement of all proposals at this time.
- c. strongly support the plan for a 6-month delay in order to follow public discussion and more study on the entire situation.

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